

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 28, 2005, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this Application, Applicants submit the following remarks, and have canceled claims. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claim(s) 1-32 were previously pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 13, and 14 have been canceled. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute such canceled claims and/or similar claims in one or more related applications. Claims 2-12 and 15-32 are pending. Claims 2, 15, 26, 27 and 28 are independent claims.

Claims 2, and 15 have been re-written in independent form without other modification, and claim dependencies have been adjusted as necessary.

Claims 26 and 27 have been amended to include all the features of Claim 2.

Claim(s) 28-32 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 13 and various dependent claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 as being unpatentable over Binding et al. in view of Barbara et al. Due to the cancellation of claims 1 and 13, this rejection is now moot with respect to those claims.

Claims 2 and 15 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As this action has been taken, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

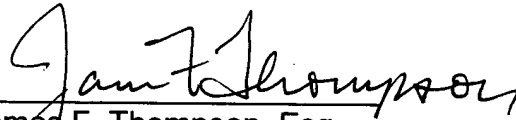
Claims 3 through 12 and 15 through 25 depend from either claim 2 or 15 and therefore, are allowable. Claims 26 and 27 now include the features of claim 2 and therefore, are also allowable.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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